

State Conservation Commission
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Petition to be Designated a Nominating Organization

The organization entitled Warren County School District hereby petitions the State Conservation Commission for nominating organization status for the county of Warren. The designation of nominating organization will allow the organization, its officers or delegates, to nominate persons for appointment as directors of the county conservation district by the governing body of the county as provided in Section 6+ of the Conservation District Law, amended. Supporting information submitted by the petitioning organization is as follows:

Organization name and mailing address: Warren County School District
185 Hospital Drive, North Warren, PA 16365
Date organized: 1964 Purpose of organization: Public K-12 school district
Number of members: 5800 students Percent of members residing in the county: 100%
Distribution of members throughout the county: 9 Board Members
Students live in all townships
except Columbus and Spring Creek Townships and Southwest Township
Qualifications for organization membership: (1) County-wide organization
(2) Warren County School District is already in partnership with the WCCD.
Frequency of meetings: monthly Board mtgs. Date of last meeting: May 9, 2005
Are elections of officers held? yes If yes, how often? annually
Indicate how the purpose and program of the organization interface with the district's program:
The Warren County Conservation District and the school district have
jointly produced curriculum for outdoor and conservation education.
They have been partners for several years.
President: Ms. Jacki Nuttall Signature: _____
Address/Phone: RR 1 Box 101, Tidioute, PA 16351 (814) 484-3222
The decision to submit this petition was officially adopted by the organization at a meeting held
on June 13, 2005.

The _____ Conservation District considered this petition at a meeting on _____
and recommends that the petition be approved/rejected (circle one) by the State Conservation Commission.

(SCC Use Only) On _____ the State Conservation Commission officially took action to
approve/reject this application. Executive Secretary _____

* The Conservation District Law requires the county governing body to appoint the members of the conservation district board. Section 6 states "the farmer and public members to be appointed shall be selected from a list containing at least double the number of directors to be appointed, and such list is to be submitted by each of the organizations within the county designated by the State Conservation Commission. Upon receipt of notice from the State Conservation Commission of the organizations entitled to make such nominations, and having secured nomination lists, the county governing body shall appoint the proper number of directors."

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Procedures for a County Organization to Become Approved as a Nominating Organization for the Purpose of Nominating Conservation District Directors

Definitions:

- Organization:** A group of individuals either formally or informally bound together for some community betterment purpose
- District:** A county conservation district
- Commission:** The State Conservation Commission
- Nominating Organization:** Any organization approved by the State Conservation Commission for the purpose of nominating conservation district directors

Procedures:

1. Any organization desiring to be designated as a nominating organization shall, after taking proper action on their wishes, complete the Commission's "Petition to be Designated a Nominating Organization" and forward it to the involved conservation district.
2. The conservation district board shall consider the organization's petition, make a formal recommendation, and forward the petition and a recommended action to the Commission.
3. The Executive Secretary or staff designated by the Commission will review petitions according to the Commission's criteria. Requests for exemptions from Commission policy will be brought to the attention of the Commission. The petition will be considered by the Commission at its first meeting following receipt of the petition. The Commission shall inform the petitioning organization and the involved conservation district of its action within 30 days following the Commission meeting.
4. All organizations approved by the Commission will be reported to the county governing body of the involved counties, and periodic reports will be prepared and maintained by the Commission.

Criteria for Approval:

An organization is eligible for approval as a "nominating organization" if either of the following criteria is met:

1. The organization is countywide by title or nature.
2. The organization represents the interests of a designated region and at least 30% of the organization's membership resides within the county. In the case of a multi-county organizations, the Commission shall have the authority to approve, with adequate justification, an organization that does not meet this criteria, if the district so requests.

Note: If there are several similar organization units within a county (such as subordinate granges, firemen's associations, etc.) and a county organization exists, then only the county organization is eligible for approval as a nominating organization. An individual unit of an organization is not eligible to be approved as a nominating organization whether or not a county organization exists.